

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-49 were pending in the present application.

Applicants through their attorney on the record and identified below appreciate very much the Examiner's preliminary review of the instant application.

In the May 8, 2007 Office Communication, the Examiner stated that under 37 CFR 1.499, Applicants are required to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted. In response, Applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecute Group I (claims 1-17). Accordingly, Groups II-VIII encompassing claims 18-49, are withdrawn without prejudice.

Additionally, the Examiner stated that if Group I, IV, or V was elected, then under 35 U.S.C. 121, a single species (tumor marker) must be elected as applicable. In response, Applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecute Specie A (survivin). However, it is noted that the Examiner indicated claims 1 and 3-17 are generic to species A-Q. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 3-17 are examined on the merits for Species A-Q. Specie R is hereby withdrawn without prejudice.

The Examiner further stated that if Group I, II, IV or V, was elected, then under 35 U.S.C. 121, a single species (oligonucleotide) must be elected as applicable. In response, Applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecute Specie B (SEQ ID No:2). Accordingly, Species A and C-M are hereby withdrawn without prejudice.

Examination on the merits is therefore respectfully requested and this Application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this Response or the Application in general, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at 404-495-3678.

Respectfully submitted,

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